has been received. The Government have passed orders on the report and a bill to amend the Regulation has been placed before the Representative Assembly.

Laws Delays in the Shimoga Division.

MESSRS. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk); N. M. SIVALINGAPPIAH and K. THIMME GOWDA (Kadur Taluk); D. V. HALAPPA (Birur Municipality); HANJI BASAPPA (Tarikere Taluk); M. THIMMIAH (Tarikere Municipality); C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests); K. MALLE GOWDA and M. HUTCHE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).—

Q.—36. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the number of cases (i) brought to file, (ii) disposed of, and (iii) pending, in the Court of the Special First Class Magistrate, Chikmagalur, during each of the past six years?

(*b*) What is the number of cases brought to file, disposed of and pending during each of the past six years in the District and Sub-Courts of Shimoga separately; and of these, what is the number of appeals?

(*c*) Of the appeals filed in the above mentioned courts, what is the number of appeals filed in each of the past six years (i) on the orders passed by the Munsiff of Narasimharajapura and (ii) on the orders passed by the Munsiff, Chikmagalur, separately?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) Statements furnishing the particulars are placed on the table (*vide* Appendix).

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—It is seen from the answer to the question that the number of pending cases, both original and appeal, is steadily increasing in the Shimoga District Court and that there is also congestion of work in the Munsiffs' Courts at Narasimharajapura and Chikmagalur. Would it not be desirable to give appellate jurisdiction to the First Class Magistrate at Chikmagalur so far as criminal cases at present within the jurisdiction of the Narasimharajapura and Chikmagalur Munsiffs are concerned?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that representations in this matter have been made to the High Court and that some of the Judges of the High Court have also expressed the opinion that the suggestion is desirable?

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN).—If so, there will be no complaints in future.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Will the Government be pleased to pass early orders if the High Court make any reference in the matter to the Government?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—Certainly.

MR. V. V. IYER.—How many cases are there on the file of the courts referred to, which have not come up for hearing even once for the last 5 or 6 years?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Are the Government aware, at least, that there are many cases of that kind?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Will not such inordinate delays for years together cause a lot of hardship and loss to the litigant public?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—The High Court are trying all possible means of expediting disposals.

Poor Houses in the State.

MR. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests).—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

In what places of the State are poor houses constructed and, out of them, how many and in what places are they working?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA).—

A.—It is not clear what the member means by the term "poor houses," whether they are places for the housing of the aged poor and the

infirm or whether they are houses constructed by local bodies for sale to poor people on easy terms and for serving as models of up-to-date sanitary houses.

MR. H. M. CHANDRASEKHAR.—How long is it since the poor house at Chikmagalur was built?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

MR. H. M. CHANDRASEKHAR.—How many persons is it capable of accommodating?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

MR. H. M. CHANDRASEKHAR.—Is the poor house working at all?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

MR. H. M. CHANDRASEKHAR.—What was the object with which it was opened?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The object was to house the helpless.

MR. H. M. CHANDRASEKHAR.—Is that object being fulfilled?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Is not the institution at least 5 or 6 years old?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The information is not before me.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that the District Board has paid its quota for working the institution?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—I do not know.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Will the Government see that the poor house begins to work at least in the near future?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Necessary enquiries will be made.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Have the Government given any financial aid to that poor house?

DEWAN.—No.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Is it not the duty of the Government to extend some financial aid to it?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No application seems to have been made to Government.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Will the Government at least consider on their own initiative whether any such help is called for or not?

MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Are the Government aware that they have been of some help to the Asakthaposhaka Sabha at Bangalore?

DEWAN.—Notice, please.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Is the institution at Chikmagalur a public or a private institution?

DEWAN.—I hope that the member will be satisfied with the reply that has been given, namely, that Government will take necessary action to start the institution as soon as possible.

Gold in Honnali Taluk.

NAWAB SHER KHAN (Minorities).—

Q.—40. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Are Government aware that, from the experiments made, it has been found out that superior quality of gold is available in the Honnali Taluk?

(*b*) If so, when will they undertake to work the mines?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA).—

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) No such proposal is under consideration.

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Are the Government aware that gold mining on a large scale is possible in the Honnali Taluk?

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN).—Government are aware that some are of that opinion, but they are not prepared to hazard an opinion.

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Are the Government aware that gold mining was going on in that taluk in times gone by?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—Government understand that it was so.

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Is it a fact that recently a few European experts visited the locality and expressed the opinion that gold mining was possible there even now?